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SUBJECT: KREISKY VISIT

GENEVA FOR USDEL CSCE

1. AUSTRIANIRCM (STOLBERG) TOOK ISSUE WITH WESTERN
PRESS REPORTS ALLEGING THAT KREISKY AND SOVIET

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LEADERS HAD DIS ERED ACRIMONIOUSLY OVER CSCE DURING

KREISKY'S VISIT TO USSR LAST WEEK. STOLBERG TOLD S THAT, WHILE WELL-KNOWN DIFFERENCES REMAIN, THEY WERE TREATED AMICABLY AND THERE WAS NO GREAT DIFFICULTY IN FINDING COMMUNIQUE LANGUAGE ON CSCE.

2. ACCORDING STOLBERG, SOVIETS HAD MISCONCEPTION THAT AUSTRIANS TOTALLY OPPOSED CSCE SUMMIT. KREISKY EXPLAINED THAT HE HAD NO PROBLEM WITH SUMMIT ONCE CURRENT OPEN QUESTIONS SETTLED. COMMUNIQUE EXPRESSED "HOPE" FOR SUMMIT; SOVIETS WERE SATISFIED WITH THIS, THOUGH WOULD HAVE PREFERRED STRONGER WORD THAN "HOPE."

3. STOLBERG SAID SOVIETS CONTINUED TO EXPRESS INTEREST IN EARLY CONCLUSION; HIS IMPRESSION WAS THAT THEIR COMMUNIQUE DRAFT SPECIFICALLY REFERRED TO A SUMMER DATE (AUSTRIANS CUT THIS BACK TO "SHORTEST PERIOD"). HE EXPLAINED KOSYGIN'S OMISSION OF REFERENCE TO TIMING IN HIS TOAST BY SAYING THAT COMMUNIQUE LANGUAGE HAD NOT YET BEEN AGREED AND KOSYGIN WAS PROBABLY JUST AVOIDING TAKING A POSITION THAT MIGHT LATER BE UNDERCUT IN COMMUNIQUE (WE ARE SKEPTICAL THAT KOSYGIN WOULD FEEL SO CONSTRAINED).

4. ACCORDING STOLBERG, MOST OF ARMS CONTROL LANGUAGE IN COMMUNIQUE WAS AT INITIATIVE OF SOVIETS, INCLUDING PASSAGE CALLING FOR AGREEMENT ON FULL PREVENTION OF ALL NUCLEAR TESTS.

5. IN ADDITION TO COMMUNIQUE, TWO SIDES SIGNED A PROTOCOL TO THE 1959 CONSULAR AGREEMENT PROVIDING FOR THE RIGHT OF CONSULAR OFFICERS TO VISIT NATIONALS IN PRISON AND A TRADE MEMORANDUM LISTING SPECIFIC AREAS OF COOPERATION AND EXPRESSING TWO SIDES' INTENTIONS REGARDING THEM. AUSTRIAN INTEREST IN TRADE MEMORANDUM WAS TO GET SOVIETS ON RECORD AT HIGH LEVEL AS AGREEING TO BUY AUSTRIAN PRODUCTS, E.G., RIVERINE SHIPS, PARTS FOR NUCLEAR POWER STATIONS. MEMORANDUM ALSO CONTAINS SOVIET AGREEMENT TO LOOK SYMPATHETICALLY ON AUSTRIAN REQUEST TO INCREASE CRUDE CONFIDENTIAL

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OIL IMPORTS FROM SOVIET UNION. STOLBERG SPECULATED THAT SENSITIVITY OF THIS SUBJECT AMONG USSR'S OTHER BUYERS MAY HAVE BEEN REASON FOR SOVIET REQUEST (HONORED BY AUSTRIANS) THAT TRADE MEMORANDUM NOT BE PUBLISHED.

6. OVERALL, STOLBERG CHARACTERIZED ATMOSPHERE OF MEETINGS AS VERY GOOD. SOVIETS DID NOT PRESS THEIR

MORE CONTENTIOUS REQUESTS (FOR EXAMPLE, COMMUNIQUE
PASSAGE SAYING THAT MASS MEDIA OF EACH COUNTRY SHOULD
NOT CRITICIZE THE OTHER). KREISKY SAW KOSYGIN TWICE
AND PODGORNYY ONCE; AUSTRIANS DID NOT SEEM DISTURBED
BY BREZHNEV'S BEGGING OFF BECAUSE OF ILLNESS.
ATMOSPHERE WAS SO GOOD, IN FACT, THAT EVEN ON ONE
OCCASION KOSYGIN WAS SEEN TO LAUGH.
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